

What is claimed is:

1. An adapter comprising:
  - a substantially hollow member having an outer surface, a posterior inner shaft having a posterior inner diameter and an anterior inner surface having an anterior inner diameter;
  - 5 an anterior inner threaded surface extending at least a portion of the anterior inner surface;
  - an anterior outer threaded surface extending about at least a portion of the anterior inner surface;
  - 10 a posterior sealing portion; and
  - one or more ports positioned on the hollow member for allowing flow from the inner surface to the outer surface.
2. The adapter according to claim 1 further comprising a backflow preventer for preventing  
15 flow from returning through the posterior sealing portion.
3. The adapter according to claim 2 wherein the backflow preventer further comprises a threaded portion for threadedly engaging with the anterior inner threaded surface.
- 20 4. The adapter according to claim 1 wherein the posterior sealing portion further comprises a gasket.
5. The adapter according to claim 1 wherein the anterior outer threaded surface further comprises an anterior gasket for sealingly engaging with a faucet head.  
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6. An adaptive fitting for connecting a valve to a water hydrant, the fitting comprising:
  - a fitting body having a first end and a second end, the fitting body defining an inner passageway extending from the first end to the second end;
  - a valve engaging portion disposed on the first end of the fitting body, the valve engaging  
30 portion having a threaded region for threadably engaging a threaded set of a valve;
  - a sealing portion disposed on the second end of the fitting body; and
  - one or more ports disposed about or near the first end of the fitting body for allowing flow there through.

7. The fitting according to claim 6 further comprising a backflow preventer for preventing flow from returning through the sealing portion.
8. The fitting according to claim 7 wherein the backflow preventer further comprises a threaded  
5 portion for threadedly engaging with the valve engaging portion.
9. The fitting according to claim 6 wherein the sealing portion further comprises a gasket.
10. The fitting according to claim 6 wherein the first end further comprises a hydrant engaging  
10 portion for securing the fitting to a hydrant.
11. The fitting according to claim 10 wherein the hydrant engaging portion further comprises a gasket for sealingly engaging with a faucet head.